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Leave Your Feedback on the Website Reorganization and Redesign!

As you probably noticed, the ADRC-TAE.org website was reorganized in December 2007.

Please take our [quick feedback survey](#) so that we may gather your opinions on the use of the site and maximize our ongoing improvement efforts.

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You must be logged into the ADRC-TAE.org website to access the links in the newsletter. Please contact Sarah Lash at (703) 269-5723 with questions.

This Week's Call: Continuing Small-Group Discussion on vendor Harmony (formerly known as Synergy)

In response to grantees' requests, we are coordinating our second IT small group discussion for ADRCs using Harmony products (the company was formerly known as Synergy). This call is designed for grantees who use the same I&R/A or case management software to discuss their experiences with one another and share updated information.

Please join us for the call if your ADRC currently uses Harmony products or if you are considering them.

- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-866-462-0164
- Meeting Number for Phone: *1129272*

New ADRC-TAE Issue Brief: Hospital-Based Nursing Facility Diversion Initiatives - Considerations for ADRCs

Despite increasing investment in home and community-based services, people still live in nursing facilities unnecessarily. Sometimes this is because the home and community based service (HCBS) infrastructure or level of public HCBS funding is inadequate to support people in the community. However, even when community supports are available, many nursing facility placements result from a lack of knowledge about community alternatives, mistaken beliefs about who can and cannot live in the community, and breakdowns at critical points leading to a nursing facility stay.

[This new ADRC-TAE Issue Brief](#) discusses ways to use the

hospital discharge process to divert institutional placements or to trigger follow-up during the initial weeks following a nursing facility admission. It is intended to help states, ADRC pilot sites, or other community organizations to evaluate their options for establishing a hospital-based diversion program and, where appropriate, take steps toward implementing a successful program.



ADRC-TAE Website Updates and Additions

New Examples From the Field:

[New Hampshire Program Review Checklist](#): New Hampshire used this checklist to conduct program reviews of their ServiceLink Resource Centers. The checklist outlines ServiceLink contract requirements and operating standards.

New and Updated Vendor Profiles: Software vendors have recently provided updates for their profiles that describe their systems' capabilities, and these profiles have been posted on the [Software and Vendors Page](#). You can also access profiles of the vendors via the ADRC-TAE [Vendor Rating System](#).

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

February 28th Ad Hoc Call

- Topic: **Synergy/Harmony Vendor Discussion Call**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-866-462-0164
- Meeting Number for Phone: *1129272*

March 6th Monthly All-Grantee TA Call

- Topic: **ADRC-TAE Online Readiness Assessment Tool**
- Time: 2:30-4:00 PM, Eastern
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 13th Streamlining Access Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Streamlining Access Phone Survey Results**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 20th Pilot Sites Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Continued Discussion on Options Counseling**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 27th Evaluation Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Focus Groups and ADRCs - Revisiting An Effective Evaluation Strategy**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

2008 Food Stamp Participation Grant Opportunity

Is food insecurity an issue for older adults served by your ADRC?



You may be interested in working with your State Food Stamp Agency in applying for the FY 2008 Food Stamp Participation Grants. These grants are targeted at the food stamp offices to help them increase participation through improving service rather than increasing participation through outreach. Improving service includes streamlining office procedures to determine eligibility or using technology. Since both of these methods are inherent to the ADRC concept, consider a partnership with your State Food Stamp agency to apply for a grant.

Cover Letter and Application: A explanatory [cover letter](#) and the [grant application](#) for the Food Stamp Participation Grants are available online.

Purpose

The purpose of a Food Stamp Participation Grant is to develop and implement: 1) Simple food stamp application

and eligibility determination systems; or 2) Measures to improve access to food stamp benefits by eligible applications.

These grants are concerned with improving the quality and efficiency of operations within the food stamp office, such as streamlining office procedures or using technology to improve the application process.

Eligible Entities: Entities eligible for these grants include the 53 State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program (FSP), state or local governments, agencies providing health or welfare services, public health or education entities, and private non-profit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations.

Fiscal Year 2008 Priorities: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is interested in encouraging and supporting partnerships between State agencies administering the FSP and private non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations. The intent is to encourage relationships with private non-profit organizations with strong community ties and thereby enhance the State agencies' communication with the communities they serve.

The Food and Nutrition Service intends to award grants to applicants, who would then award sub-grants to their partners as applicable. Either a State agency or a private, non-profit group can be an applicant.

The USDA is interested in funding a project that is designed to increase the participation of the elderly and Hispanic household, both traditionally hard to serve populations in the FSP. While this request is not designed to fund outreach activities, there may be projects that would be operated in areas that have significant Hispanic or elderly populations.

Letters of Commitment or Endorsement: A Letter of Commitment or Endorsement from the State agency is required to be responsive. The Application addresses the issue.

Application Deadline: The completed application must be received by FNS by May 15, 2008, 5:00 PM EST.